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**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/809,021

Filing Date: March 16, 2001

First Named Inventor: Hubert METZNER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: Michael V. Meller

Attorney Docket Number: 06478.1452-00

Attorney Customer Number: 22,852

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TECH CENTER 16001298**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 19, 2002
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Petition for extension of time for (_____ Months) \$ _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$750.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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REPLY TO ADVISORY ACTION

In conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.114 and fee payment of \$750.00, Applicants provide the following additional
remarks to respond to the Office's comments in the Advisory Action mailed January 13,
2003.

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 18-38 are pending in this application. The Office withdrew claims 20-34
from consideration, leaving claims 18, 19, and 35-38 presently under examination.

Applicants maintain the request for rejoinder of withdrawn claims 32 and 33, in

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